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In re Application of: )  
Seidita ) Group Art Unit: 3727  
 ) Examiner: Ngo, Lien M.  
Divisional of Prior Application )  
No.: 10/241,416 )  
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Prior Application Filed: 9/11/02 )  
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Title: TAMPER EVIDENT CLOSURE WITH LOCKING BAND

**First Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Divisional Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the request for a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53 (d) of prior application number 10/241,416 filed on September 11, 2002.

Preliminary to examination of the application and prior to calculation of the filing fee for this application, please amend the application as follows:

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